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## PIGEONS BRING HIM SCORE BY INNINGS.

Joseph Pelton, a baseball fan and a pigeon fancier, combines his two hobbies. To get "hot off the griddle" all the news of the Belvidere (N. J.) Athletic association when the team played recently at Phillipsburg nine birds were taken in a cage to the grounds.

At the end of each inning one of the birds was released, with the inning's result on a note tied to the carrier's leg. Away flew the bird and after circling for awhile made straight for home. There it was captured and the result announced to the waiting.

Good thing it wasn't an extra inning affair, or he'd have gone shy of birds.

## KNETZER ONLY HOLDOUT.

Brooklyn Twirler Displeased With Salary Offered—May Join Team.

Elmer Knetzer, Brooklyn's promising young pitcher, the only holdout in the National league, may join his teammates next month. With Knetzer back ready to take his turn in the box Brooklyn's twirling staff will be strengthened. He is staying at his home in Carick, Pa., and playing independent ball to keep himself in



Photo by American Press Association.

KNETZER, BROOKLYN'S YOUNG PITCHER. shape. He says it is nothing but a matter of salary which prevents him from reporting to Brooklyn.

He wants a considerable advance over last year, although in 1912 he pitched but four full games. He was credited with figuring more or less in thirty-three games, of which he won seven and lost nine. But the fact that he went the route in only four rather puts his nominal winnings in the shade. Knetzer's great weakness is wildness. Last season he averaged exactly one base on balls to every two innings, or four and one-half passes to every game of nine innings. Manager Dalben said this spring he thought Knetzer would become a first class pitcher if he ever gained control, but intimates now that until that control is demonstrated there will be no boost in wages. However, there is a chance that he will join his teammates shortly.

## KLING'S PRESENCE AIDS REDS

Since Veteran Joined Team Cincinnati Pitchers Have Shown Better Form.

The value of an inexperienced catcher is being proved by the Cincinnati team, which since Johnny Kling has been catching regularly has been winning a good percentage of its games. With Kling behind the bat the young pitchers are all showing better form, and the team is in a fair way to gain a respectable position in the race if it can keep up its present gallop.

Kling, by the way, appears to be in better form this year than he has been in several, and this is particularly true of his throwing, which is said to be the best he has done in some time.

## Advice From Clark Griffith.

"A championship club must have a lot of reserve strength," says Clark Griffith. "There must be capable bench warmers for every position. The shrewd manager must protect his ball club against all emergencies."

## Harry Babcock Now an Oarsman.

Harry Babcock, the Olympic pole vault champion, has quit athletics and rowed bow oar in the New York A. C. eight oared shell crew, which won in the Harlem river regatta on Memorial day.

The Braves have made it four straight from St. Louis.

# SPORTING NEWS

## Twin State League

### STANDING

|               | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|---------------|-----|------|------|
| Northampton   | 8   | 4    | .667 |
| Newport       | 8   | 5    | .615 |
| Bellows Falls | 8   | 5    | .615 |
| Keene         | 7   | 5    | .583 |
| BRATTLEBORO   | 4   | 8    | .333 |
| Greenfield    | 2   | 10   | .167 |

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

| American League. |     |      |       |
|------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Clubs            | Won | Lost | P. C. |
| Philadelphia     | 55  | 20   | .733  |
| Cleveland        | 49  | 30   | .620  |
| Washington       | 43  | 36   | .544  |
| Chicago          | 43  | 37   | .538  |
| Boston           | 38  | 36   | .514  |
| Detroit          | 32  | 51   | .386  |
| St. Louis        | 32  | 52   | .381  |

### National League.

| Clubs        | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| New York     | 49  | 24   | .671  |
| Philadelphia | 41  | 29   | .586  |
| Chicago      | 41  | 36   | .532  |
| Brooklyn     | 35  | 36   | .493  |
| Pittsburg    | 37  | 38   | .493  |
| Boston       | 33  | 41   | .446  |
| St. Louis    | 31  | 45   | .408  |
| Cincinnati   | 30  | 48   | .385  |

### RESULTS YESTERDAY.

| National League.                                   |   |    |   |
|--|---|----|---|
| At New York  | 3 | 9  | 0 |
| Chicago  | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| Smith and Bresnahan; Mathewson and Meyers, Wilson. |   |    |   |

|  |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|---|
| At Brooklyn  | 10 | 13 | 1 |
| Cincinnati   | 5  | 11 | 0 |
| Brooklyn   |    |    |   |
| Brown and Kling; Rucker, Wagner, Hall, Kent and Fischer. |    |    |   |

|                                       |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| At Boston                             | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Boston                                | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| St. Louis                             |   |   |   |
| Perdue and Rariden; Harmon and Wingo. |   |   |   |

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| At Philadelphia                                   | 3 | 4  | 0 |
| Pittsburg   | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Philadelphia                                      |   |    |   |
| McQuillan and Simon; Chalmers and Howley, Kilfer. |   |    |   |

| American League.                               |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| At Cleveland                                   | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| Cleveland                                      | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Philadelphia                                   |   |   |   |
| Falkenburg and Carisch; Plank, Houck and Lapp. |   |   |   |

|                                   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| At Detroit                        | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Detroit                           | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Washington                        |   |   |   |
| Hall and McKee; Hughes and Henry. |   |   |   |

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| At St. Louis                              | 6 | 11 | 2 |
| Boston                                    | 2 | 2  | 3 |
| St. Louis                                 |   |    |   |
| Foster and Thomas; Baumgartner and Agnew. |   |    |   |

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| At Chicago                                       | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| New York   | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Chicago  |   |   |   |
| Warhop, McConnell and Smith; Russell and Schalk. |   |   |   |

### Twin State League.

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Bellows Falls, 6, Greenfield 3. |  |
| Newport 5, Northampton 0.       |  |

### GAMES TOMORROW.

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Brattleboro at Bellows Falls. |  |
| Northampton at Greenfield.    |  |
| Newport at Keene.             |  |

### Twin State Notes.

Fahey of Easthampton is slated to umpire this afternoon.

Patten appears in the Greenfield lineup. He caught on there after leaving Brattleboro.

Brattleboro has beaten Greenfield and Keene but has yet to win a game from Northampton, Newport or Bellows Falls.

Ump Whitney continues to have his troubles. Kornstadt tried to punch him yesterday because of judgment on balls and strikes.

Seamett, a catcher, arrived this morning from Oneonta, N. Y., where he has been playing for several weeks, and is scheduled to do the backstop, this afternoon. He is a big fellow.

Once more one of President Koyos' would-be-umpires has failed to show up. The directors here are fortunate in being able to pick an experienced umpire out of the crowd. Fahey's exhibition was what the fans and visiting players like to see. He is on the job every minute and nothing gets by him. He is also boss of the game. Why don't the Northampton directors use their influence to get him a regular job?

Waters, recently released by Springfield, has been given a job on the umpire staff in this league. More experienced! Poor umpires will do more harm in a league in one week than poor players would do in a month. Manager Donovan of the Newporters said after the game that Fahey's umpiring was the best he had ever seen in this league.—Northampton Gazette.

"Pop" Geers is still driving the winners on the big circuit.

## LYNCH STILL IN THE LEAD

Local Left Fielder Has Clouding Average of .344

## HIGHEST MARK OF REGULAR PLAYERS

Although MacGowan in Three Games Has Hit for .400—Fielding Averages Are Not Standing Up Very Well.

The batting averages of the Brattleboro Twin State league team show that MacGowan, who has participated in only three games, leads with an average of .400. Of the regulars, however, Lynch continues in the lead, having hit for .344 in 12 games. Carpenter, who played nine games before being hurt, has an average of .333, and Tewhill, who has played second and third bases in seven games, has a hitting average of .243.

The fielding averages are not holding up any too well. Moll and Dunbar in two games have a clean slate, as has Lynch, who has played the outfield in every game. So many changes have taken place within the last week that the averages of some of the men who are no longer with us are hardly interesting, but here are the batting and fielding averages of those who are now on the team:

|                  | G. | A.B. | H. | P.C. |
|------------------|----|------|----|------|
| MacGowan, p.     | 12 | 45   | 16 | .356 |
| Lynch, lf.       | 12 | 45   | 16 | .344 |
| Carpenter, c.    | 9  | 33   | 11 | .333 |
| Tewhill, 3b, 2b. | 7  | 33   | 8  | .243 |
| Light, p, rf.    | 5  | 18   | 4  | .222 |
| McGraw, c, rf.   | 12 | 39   | 8  | .205 |
| Hammond, cf.     | 10 | 41   | 8  | .195 |
| Bennett, 1b.     | 11 | 41   | 7  | .171 |
| Chenoweth, ss.   | 11 | 43   | 6  | .140 |
| Moll, 2b, 1b.    | 2  | 10   | 1  | .100 |
| McGraw, ss, 3b.  | 2  | 10   | 1  | .100 |

|                   | G. | P.O. | A. | E. | P.C.  |
|-------------------|----|------|----|----|-------|
| Lynch, lf.        | 12 | 26   | 2  | 0  | .1000 |
| MacGowan, p.      | 3  | 2    | 9  | 0  | .1000 |
| Moll, 2b, 1b.     | 2  | 17   | 2  | 0  | .1000 |
| Hammond, cf.      | 10 | 26   | 3  | 1  | .967  |
| McGraw, c, rf.    | 12 | 56   | 12 | 3  | .957  |
| Carpenter, c, rf. | 9  | 34   | 7  | 2  | .950  |
| Chenoweth, ss.    | 11 | 19   | 27 | 9  | .836  |
| Light, p, rf.     | 5  | 2    | 18 | 4  | .833  |
| McGraw, ss.       | 2  | 1    | 3  | 1  | .800  |
| Tewhill, 3b, 2b.  | 7  | 9    | 12 | 6  | .778  |

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## SHELLENBERGER

### FOUND FOR 15 HITS

Tail-Enders Trimmed Again by Bellows Falls—Umpire Whitney In More Trouble.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, July 11.—Shellenberger, who last year twirled for Bellows Falls and has joined Greenfield, pitched for Greenfield here yesterday afternoon and the Bellows Falls team won their sixth straight home game by a score of 6 to 3. The shoots of Shellenberger were whanged all over the lot while Baum held Greenfield to five scattered hits.

A one-hand catch by Briggs and catches by Daley and Jones were fielding features, and Kornstadt's attempt to strike Umpire Whitney when called out on strikes was the other feature. Kornstadt was benched.

Greenfield scored in the second when Briggs dropped Conroy's fly. Leid sacrificed, Saunders hit through short and Conroy scored. Bellows Falls scored two in the second. Donnelly hit for two bases, but Torphey was an easy out. Daley was hit and then Harrison hit for two bases, scoring Donnelly and Daley, but was caught napping at second. Baum died to Miller.

Greenfield scored two in the ninth, Briggs dropping Conroy's fly after a hard try. Delaney fooled Leid's grounder and Saunders whiffed. Sager hit safe past short, sending two runs across, Mayforth struck out and Shellenberger fled out to Leonard.

Bellows Falls entered a protest before the game because Saunders was in the Greenfield lineup. Newport claims he belongs to that club. The score:

|               | ab | r | b | po | a | e |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|
| Bellows Falls | 5  | 2 | 4 | 9  | 1 | 0 |
| Leonard, 1b.  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 6  | 2 | 0 |
| Jones, 2b.    | 4  | 1 | 1 | 9  | 1 | 0 |
| Wright, c.    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0 | 2 |
| Briggs, cf.   | 4  | 1 | 3 | 0  | 0 | 2 |
| Donnelly, lf. | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1 | 0 |
| Torphey, 3b.  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1 | 0 |
| Daley, rf.    | 3  | 1 | 2 | 1  | 4 | 1 |
| Harrison, ss. | 4  | 0 | 2 | 1  | 4 | 1 |
| Baum, p.      |    |   |   |    |   |   |

Totals, 32 6 15 27 14 5

|                   | ab | r | b | po | a  | e |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Greenfield        | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Ryan, cf.         | 4  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Miller, 3b.       | 4  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Conroy, 1b.       | 3  | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0  | 0 |
| Leid, lf.         | 2  | 1 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 1 |
| Saunders, ss.     | 4  | 0 | 1 | 2  | 4  | 1 |
| Kornstadt, rf.    | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 0 |
| Sager, rf.        | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Mayforth, c.      | 3  | 0 | 2 | 2  | 1  | 0 |
| Shellenberger, p. | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 4  | 0 |
| Patten, *         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Totals.           | 29 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 13 | 2 |

Bellows Falls, 0 2 1 0 0 2 1 x-6  
Greenfield, 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2-3

Sacrifice hits, Delaney, Wright, Harrison, Jones, Leid; stolen bases, Leonard 2, Daley 2, Donnelly 2, Conroy 2, Leid 2, Mayforth; two-base hits, Wright, Leid 2, Harrison 2; three-base hit, Donnelly; first base on balls, Ryan, Leid; left on bases,